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SUBJECT Political Information: Reported Future Soviet
Repatriation Plans, Shanghai

1. By the end of November 1947, after completion of the formal mass repatriation of Soviet citizens from China to the USSR, it will be informally announced that all remaining Soviet citizens in China will be given an opportunity by the end of this winter to register under new conditions for repatriation; but at that time the Soviet Government will bear only half of the cost of transportation to the USSR. The new registration will be handled differently from the present program: Each Soviet citizen will be informally advised to register for repatriation and will have no choice but to accept the offer. This procedure, if carried out, will leave in China only those persons considered essential for Soviet activity.
2. The new mass repatriation will take place sometime in March or April 1948 and will be followed by similar official offers of repatriation to Poles, Czechs, Yugoslavs, Rumanians and citizens of other USSR satellite states now in China. In these groups, certain authorized persons will be advised to remain in China and probably will be given the opportunity to sever relations with their own country and become either Chinese citizens or stateless subjects. Only persons with extremely close relations with the USSR or with local USSR satellite leaders will be permanently exempted from repatriation.
3. Rogov, Director of TASS, has openly explained that Moscow intends to retain in China only a small group of actual Soviet followers. Rogov, Yakshamin, and Leonov of TASS and Mihayev of the Moscow Narodny Bank have stated that Moscow is preparing gradually for the time when only a skeleton staff of official Soviet representatives will remain in China, principally for limited Consulate work. It is therefore imperative to create conditions which will permit this staff to carry on its "duty" without the burden of handling a mass of people who are not essential for USSR aims. Soviet official responsibility in China will be limited to some insignificant official functions, and the actual activity of the USSR in China will be directed along secret channels in which some important part will be assigned to those Soviet citizens and citizens of USSR satellite states in China who have been urged to remain in China.
4. The preparation of such conditions and the actual selection of eligible persons to remain in China are entrusted to the Shanghai Torgpredstvo office. The activities of this office will be increased by the unofficial participation of official representatives from Poland and other USSR satellite states. 25X1
Note: Dr. Grossman of the Czech Chamber of Commerce has an office in the same building as the Moscow Narodny Bank and Torgpredstvo.)
5. The staff of TASS will remain at full strength. There may also be new USSR organizations established in Shanghai.
6. To cover this secret activity, it is proposed to establish a new type of Soviet Club with limited membership. Citizens of other Slavic countries will be given membership in this "Poland House", which will supplement the activities of the existing Czech Club. 25X1

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